

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

In Recital-

VIOLA WALLBANK, soprano

and

LORETTA DUECK, piano and harpsichord

Saturday, May 9, 1987 at 8:00 p.m.

Invicti Bellate......Antonio Vivaldi Motetto a canto solo con stromenti (1678-1741)

INTERMISSION

Wendy Lea Grant, piano

II Spring is like a perhaps hand

III in Just-spring
IV in Spring comes

V when faces called flowers float out of the ground

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Music degree for Mrs. Wallbank.

Invicti Bellate

Invicti bellate,

Make war (being) invincible

Intrat diem squalida nox

Filthy night invades the daylight

Extremam minat diem squalida nox.

Filthy night threatens ones last day.

Fortes estote in bello.

Be brave in war.

Nec difficilis est tiranni fuga.

Flight from the tyrant is not difficult.

Vos caelestis invivat tubae clangor ad arma.

The heavenly noise of the trumpet inspires you to arms.

Ecce adorata crucis vexilla.

Behold the adored standard of the cross.

Summus omnipotens dat signa ductor.

The highest all powerful leader gives the signal.

Sub tanto duce certa vestra victoria,

Beneath so great a leader your victory is assured,

Certa triumpho vestro et vestra gloria.

Assured in your triumph and glory.

Dux aeterne Jesu care

O eternal leader dear Jesus

Si per te gaudet certare,

If it takes pleasure in fighting through you,

Da vigorem cordi meo

Give strength to my heart

Et accensum sacro ardore

And set on fire with sacred ardor

Et defensum almo amore

And protected by gentle love

Noceat hosti invicte reo.

May it do harm invincibly to the guilty one.

Alleluia

Translation by Dr. John R. Wilson, Professor and Chairman, Classics Dept., University of Alberta

Claude Debussy

No musicians of any nationality (with the possible exception of Hugo Wolf) had greater mastery in creating the mysterious alloy of music and poetry than Debussy. Not only in the prosody of the literary text and in the rhythm of speech, far which he had a prodigious instinct, but also because he attained the deepest concordance between the poetic idea and the musical idea.

C'est l'Extase - It Is Ecstasy

C'est l'extase langoureuse, C'est la fatigue amoureuse, C'est tous les frissons des bois Parmi l'étreinte des brises, C'est, vers les ramures grises, Le choeur des petites voix. It is languorous ecstasy it is loving lassitude, it is all the tremors of the woods in the embrace of the breezes, it is, in the grey branches, the choir of tiny voices.

C'est l'Extase - It Is Ecstasy (Cont'd.)

O le frêle et frais murmure! Cela gazouille et susurre. Cela ressemble au cri doux Que l'herbe agitée expire... Tu dirais, sous l'eau qui vire, Le roulis sourd des cailloux.

Cette âme qui se lamente En cette plainte dormante, C'est la nôtre, n'est-ce pas? La mienne, dis, et la tienne, Dont s'exhale l'humble antienne Par ce tiéde soir, tout bas? O the frail, fresh murmuring!
That twittering and whispering
is like the sweet cry
breathed out by the ruffled grass....
You would say, beneath the swirling waters,
the muted rolling of the pebbles.

This soul which mourns in subdued lamentation, it is ours, is it not? Mine, say, and yours, breathing a humble anthem in the warm evening, very softly?

Paul Verlaine

Il pleure dans mon coeur - Tears Fall In My Heart

Il pleure dans mon coeur Comme il pleut sur la ville. Quelle est cette langueur Qui pénètre mon coeur?

O bruit doux de la pluie Part terre et sur les toits, Pour un coeur qui s'ennuie, O le bruit de la pluie!

Il pleure sans raison
Dans ce coeur qui s'écoeure.
Quoi! nulle trahison?
Ce deuil est sans raison.

C'est bien la pire peine Ce ne savoir pourquoi, Sans amour et san haine Mon coeur a tant de peine. Tears fall in my heart like rain upon the town, What is this languor that pervades my heart?

O gentle sound of the rain on the ground and on the roofs! For a listless heart, O the sound of the rain!

Tears fall without reason in this sickened heart. What! no perfidy? This sorrow has no cause.

Indeed it is the worst pain not to know why, without love and without hate, my heart feels so much pain!

Paul Verlaine

L'Ombre des Arbres - The Shadow of the Trees

L'ombre des arbres dans la
rivière embrumée
Meurt comme de la fumée
Tandis qu'en l'air, parmi les ramures
réelles,
Se plaignent les tourterelles.

Combien, ô voyageur, ce paysage
blême
Te mira blême toi-même,
Et que tristes pleuraient dans les
hautes feuillées,
Tes espérances noyées.

The shadow of the trees in the misty river
dies away like smoke,
while on high, among the real branches,
the doves sing their plaint.

How much, 0 traveller, this wan landscape wanly reflected yourself, and in the high foliage how sadly wept your drowned hopes.

Paul Verlaine

Granados' Tonadillas

When the 150th anniversary of Goya's birth was celebrated in 1896 there was no more enthusiastic admirer of the great Spanish artist than Enrique Granados. He was fascinated by his work--not so much the court portraits or the bitter satiric etchings as the colorful and romantic figures of majos and majas, the flambouynatly--dressed lower-class gallnats and bells whom Goya featured against their Madrid background...Musically too he was preoccupied for some years with trying to evoke their picturesque 18th-century atmosphere, which eventually found expression in two books of Goyescas for piano.

Granados' librettist, Fernando Periquet, had also provided him with a number of poems about majos and majas which he set as "tonadillas written in the old style" (the word tonadilla being used in its meaning of a threatre song, originally with accompaniment of small orchestra or guitar). Although these cover a wide range of moods--passionate, despairing, coy, teasing-- they are all very lucid in texture and are all cast in ternary rhythm...several of the tonadillas, also, are thematically interlinked with the Goyescas.

La Maja de Goya - The Maja of Goya

Yo no olvidaré en mi vida
De goya la imagen gallarda y querida.
No hay hembra ni maja o señora
Que a Goya no eche de menos ahora.
Si you hallara quien me amara
Como él; me amó,
No envidiara, no, ni anhelara
Màs venturas in dichas yo.

*Maja means a woman of Madrid

I will never forget in my life
The distinguished and beloved image of Goya.
There is not a woman, or maja, %or lady
Who does not miss Goya now.
If I found one who would love
As he loved me,
I should not covet, no, nor desire
Greater fortune or happiness.

Amor y Odio - Love and Hate

Pensé que you sabría ocultar la pena mia,
Que por estar en lo profundo,
No alcanzará a ver el mundo
Este amor callado que un majo malvado
En mi alma encendió.
Y no fue asi, porque el vislumbró
El pesar oculto en mi.
Pero fue en vano que vislumbrará,
Pues el villano mostróse ajeno de que le amara,
Y esta es la pena que sofro ahora:
Sentir mi alma llena
De amor por quien me olvida,
Sin que una luz alentadora
Surja en las sombras de mi vida.

I thought I would know how to hide my sorrow,
To hide it so well,
That the world would not be able to see
This silent love tht a wicked majo
Fired in my soul.
But it was not so, because he perceived
My secret suffering.
Yet it was in vain that he noticed it,
For the villain proved indifferent to my loving him,
And this is the pain which I suffer now:
To feel my soul full
Of love for one who forgets me,
Without one hopeful light
To brighten the shadows of my live.

El Majo Timido - The Timid Majo

Llega a mi reja y me mira por la noche
 un majo.
Que en cuanto me ve y suspira se va
 calle abajo.
iAy! Que tío mas tradío,
Si asi se pasa la vida,
Estoy divertida.

There is a majo who comes to my window in the evening, and looks at me.

As soon as he sees me and sighs, he goes off down the street.

Oh! What a dullard of a man,

If this is the way it will be,

A fine time I shall have.

El Mirar de la Maja - The Gaze of the Maja

¿Por qué es en mi ojos tan hondo el mirar?

Que a fin de cortar desdenes y enojos los suelo entornar.

Que fuego dentro llevarán

Que si acaso con calor los clavo en mi amor,

Sonrojo me dan.

Por eso el chispero á quien mi alma di,

al verse ante mi me tira el sombrero

Y díceme asi: Mi maja! No me mires mas,

Que tus ojos rayos son,

Y ardiendo en pasión, la muerte me dan.

Why do my eyes have this ddep look?

I must lower my lids to mask scorn and hatred.

Such a fire they give forth

That if by chance with passion I fix them on my love,
They make me blush.

Therefore, the Chispero's to whom I have given my soul,
When meeting me, pulls his hat down

And says to me: My maja! Do not look at me,
For your eyes are like lighting,
And with their burning passion, they destroy me.

*chispero has the same connotation in Madrid as apache in Paris.

Callejeo - Street rambling

Dos horas ha que callejeo,
Per no veo nerviosa ya sin calma
Al que le di confiado el alma.
No vi hombre jamás
Que mintiera mas
Que el majo que hoy me engaña.
Mas no le ha de valer,
Pues siempre fui mujer de maña.
Y si es menester,
Correré sin parar tras él entera España.

For two hours I have walked the streets,
Nervously and restlessly, but I cannot find
Him to whom I trustingly gave my soul,
I have never met a man
Who lied more
Than the majo who betrays me now.
But he will find it of no avail
For I was always a resourceful woman,
And if it is necessary,
I will follow him relentlessly all over Spain.

La Maja Dolorosa - The Sorrowful Maja No. 2

!Ay! Majo de mi vida, no, no, tú no has muerto!
¿Acaso yo existiese si fuera eso cierto?
¡Quiero loca besar tu boca!
Quiero segura gozar mas de tu ventura.
¡Ay! de tu ventura.
Mas ¡Ay! deliro, sueño, mi majo no existe,
En torno mio el mundo lloroso esta y triste.
A mi duelo no hallo consuelo,
Mas muerto y frío
Siempre el majo será mío. ¡Ay! siempre mío.

Oh, majo of my life, no, no, you have not died!
Would I still be alive if that were true?
Wildly I desire to kiss your lips!
I want in faithfulness to share your destiny.
Alas! your destiny!
But oh! I am raving, I dream my majo no longer exists,
The world about me is weeping and sad.
I find no consolation in my sorrow,
But even dead and cold
My majo will always be mine. Oh! Always mine!

El tra la la y el punteado - The tra la la and guitar-strum

Es en balde, majo mio, Que sigas hablando, Porque hay cosas que contesto Yo siempre cantando. Por mas que preguntes tanto, En mi no causas quebranto, Ni you he de salir de mi canto. It is useless, my majo,
For you to persist,
For there are some things which I answer
Always with a song.
No matter how much you question,
You will not distress me,
I will not end my song.

El Majo Discreto - The Discreet Majo

Dicen que mi majo es feo; Es posible que si que lo sea, Que amor es deseo que ciega y marea. Ha tiempo que sé que quien ama no vé. They say that my majo* is homely; Perhaps it is so, For love is but a desire that blinds and dazzles. For a long time I have known that he who loves is blind.

Chevaux de Bois - Merry-Go-Round

Tournez, tournez, bons chevaux de bois Tournez cent tours, tournez mille tours;

Tournez souvent et tournez toujours, Tournez, tournez au son des hautbois. L'enfant tout rouge et la mére blanche,

Le gars en noir et la fille en rose, L'une à la chose et l'autre à la pose, Chacun se paie un sou de dimanche.

Tournez, tournez, chevaux de leur coeur,
Tandis qu'autour de tous vos tournois,
Clignote l'oeil du filou sournois
Tournez au son du piston vainqueur.

C'est étonnant comme ça vous soule D'aller ainsi dans ce cirque bête, Rien dans le ventre et mal dans la tête Du mal en masse et du bien en foule.

Tournez, dadas, sans qu'il soit besoin D'user jamais de nuls éperons

Pour commander à vos galops ronds, Tournez, tournez, sans espoir de foin

Et dépéchez, chevaux de leur âme, Déjà voici que sonne à la soupe La nuit qui tombe et chasse la troupe De gais buveurs que leur soif affame.

Tournez, tournez! Le ciel en velours D'astres en or se vêt lentement. L'église tinte un glas tristement. Tournez au son joyeux des tambours. Turn, turn, fine merry-go-round turn a hundred times, turn a thousand times,

turn often and go on turning, turn to the sound of the oboes. The rubicund child and the pale mother

the lad in black and the girl in pink, the one down to earth, the other showing off, each one has his Sunday pennyworth.

Turn, turn, merry-go-round of their hearts, while around all your whirling squints the eye of the crafty pickpocket, turn to the sound of the triumphant cornet.

it is astonishing how intoxicating it is
to ride thus in this stupid circle,
with a sinking stomach and an aching
 head
heaps of discomfort and plenty of fun.

Turn, gee-gees, without any need ever to use spurs to keep you at the gallop, turn, turn, without hope of hay.

And hurry, horses of their souls, already the supper bell is ringing, night falls and chases away the troop of gay drinkers famished by their thirst.

Turn, turn! The velvet sky is slowly pricked with golden stars. The church bell tolls a mournful knell, turn to merry beating of the drums.

Paul Verlaine

Notes and translations taken from Pierre Barnacs <u>The Interpretation of French Song</u>. London: Victor Gollanez Ltd., 1976.

Schoenberg's Early Songs

Schoenberg began his career writing songs, and the lyricism of song remained one of the basic elements of his tyle. From the many songs he composed between 1898 and 1900, he chose twelve to publish as his Opus 1, Opus 2 and Opus 3...In these songs Schoenberg deliberately established his position in the great tradition of German Romantic lyricism...

Erwartung - Expectation

Aus dem meergrünen Teiche neben der roten Villa Unter der toten Eiche scheint der Mond. Wo ihr dunkles Abbild durch das Wasser greift, Steht ein Mann und streift einen Ring von seiner Hand. From the sea-green pond near the red villa, Beneath the dead oak shines the moon. Where her dark image gleams through water, A man stands and draws a ring from his hand.

Erwartung - Expectation (Cont'd.)

Drei Opale blinken; durch die bleichen Steine Schwimmen rot und grüne Funken und versinken. Und er küsst sie, und siene Augen leuchten Wie der meergrüne Grund: ein Fenster tut sich auf.

Aus der roten Villa neben der toten Eiche Winkt ihm eine bleiche Frauenhand.

Three opals glimmer; among the pale stones Swin red and green sparks, and sink below. And he kisses her, his eyes glowing Like the sea-green depths. A window opens.

From the red villa near the dead oak, A woman's pale hand waves to him.

Jesus Bettelt - Jesus Begs

Schenk mir deinen goldenen Kamm; jeden Morgen sol dich mahnen.

Dass du mir die Haare küsstest.

Schenk mir deinen seidenen Schwamm; jeden Abend will ich ahnen,

Wem du dich im Bade rüstest, o Maria.

Schenk mir alles was du hast,

meine Seele ist nicht eitel,

Stolz empfang ich deinen Segen.

Schenk mir deine schwerste Last; willst du nicht auf meinen Scheitel

Auch dein Herz, dein Herz noch legen, Magdalena?

Give me your golden comb; every morning may it remind you

To kiss my hair.

Give your silken sponge; every evening I want

When you prepare for your bath, O Mary.

Give me everything you have;

my soul is not vain;

Proudly I receive your blessing.

Give me your heavy burden; do you not also wish to lay your heart,

Your heart upon my head, Magdalene?

Erhebung - Exhaltation

Gib mir deine Hand, nur den Finger,
Dann seh-ich diesen ganzen Erdkreis als mein Eigen an.
O wie blüht mein Land, sieh mich doch nur an!
Dass ich mit dir über die Wolken in die Sonne kann!

Give me your hand, only finger,
And I will see this whole round earth as if it were my or
Oh, how my land blossoms. Gaze upon me!
That I may go with you above the clouds into the sun!
Richard Dehmel

Waldsonne - Forest Sun

In die braunen, rauschenden Nächte flittert ein Licht herein,

Grüngolden ein Schein.

Blumen blinken auf und Gräser und die singenden, springenden

Waldwässerlein, und Erinnerungen.

Die längst verklungenen: golden erwachen sie wieder, all dein fröhlichen Lieder.

Und ich sehe deine goldenen Haare glänzen, und ich sehe Deine goldenen Augen glänzen aus den grünen, raunenden Nächten.

Und mir ist, ich läge neben dir auf dem Rasen und hörte dich wieder

Auf der glitzeblanken Syrinx in die blauen Himmelslüfte blasen.

In die braunen, wühlenden Nächte flittert ein Licht, Ein goldener Schein. In the brown, rustling nights there flutters
 a light,

A green-golden gleam.

Flowers brightly wink, and grass, and the singing, leaping

Little forest brook, and memories.

The long silent ones: golden, golden they wake again, All your joyous songs.

And I see your golden hair glitter, and I see Your golden eyes glitter out of the green, murmuring nights.

And I feel as if I were lying next to you on the lawn, hearing you once again

Blow on your sparkling, glistening pipes into the blue air of heaven.

In the brown, turbulent nights there flutters a light, A gold gleam.

Johannes Schlaf

Notes and translations are from Joseph Machlis, "Recording Notes," The Music of Arnold Schoenberg. Columbia Records, M2L 336/M23 736.

El Majo Discreto - The Discreet Majo (Cont'd.)

as si no es mi majo un hombre
ue por lindo descuelle y asombre,
n cambio es discreto y guarda un secreto
ue yo posé en él sabiendo que es fiel.
Cuál es el secreto que el majo guardo?
ería indiscreto contarlo yo.
o poco trabajo costará saber
ecretos de un majo con una mujer.
ació en Lavapies.
En! ¡Eh! Es un majo, un majo es.

*Majo is a man of Madrid
***Lavapies is a section of Madrid.

But if my majo is not a man
Who is noted for being handsome,
He is, on the other hand; discreet and keeps a secret
Which I confided in him knowing that he is trustworthy.
What then is the secret that the majo kept?
It would be indiscreet for me to tell.
No little effort is needed to discover
The secrets a majo has with a woman.
he was born in Lavapies**/
Eh! He's a majo, a majo he is.

otes are from Lionel Salter's "Recording Notes" <u>Granados Songs</u> featuring Pilar Lorengar and Alicia de Larrochia.

ranslations are by Waldo Lyman, <u>Granados Tonadillas</u>. New York: International Music Co., 1952.

Songs About Spring (Texts by e.e. cummings)

T

balloon, coming out of a keen city the sky--filled with pretty people? and if you and i should

et into it, if they
could take me and take you into their balloon,
by then
'd go up higher with all the pretty people

nan houses and steeples and clouds:

sailing

yay and away sailing into a keen

ty which nobody's every visited, where

ways it's

Spring) and everyone's love and flowers pick themselves

II

spring is like a perhaps hand
(which comes carefully
out of Nowhere) arranging
a window, into which people look (while
people stare
arranging and changing placing
carefully there a strnage
thing and a known thing here) and

changing everything carefully

spring is like a perhaps
Hand in a window
(carefully to
and fro moving New and
Old things while
people stare carefully
moving a perhaps
fraction of flower here placing
an inch of air there) and

without breaking anything.

in Justspring when the world is mudluscious the little lame balloonman

whistles far and wee

and eddieandbill come running from marbles and piracies and it's spring

when the world is puddle-wonderful

the queer
old balloonman whistles
far and wee
and bettyandisbel come dancing

from hop-scotch and jump-rope and

it's
spring
and
the
goat-footed

balloonMan whistles far and wee in

Spring comes (noone asks his name)

a mender of things

with eager fingers (with patient eyes)re

-new-

in remaking what other -wise we should have thrown a-

way (and whose

sea
brook
-bright flowersoft bird
-quick voice loves

children and sunlight and

mountains) in april (but if he should Smile) comes

nobody'll know

when faces called flowers float out fo the ground and breathing is wishing and wishing is having--but keeping is downward and doubting and never --it's april (yes, april; my darling) it's spring! yes the pretty birds frolic as spry as can fly yes the little fish gambol as glad as can be (yes the mountains are dancing together)

when every leaf opens without a sound and wishing is having and having is giving--but keeping is doting and nothing and nonsense --alive; we're alive, dear: it's (kiss me now) spring! now the pretty birds hover so she and so he now the little fish quiver so you and so i (now the mountains are dancing, the mountains)

when more than was lost has been found has been found and having is giving and giving is living-but keeping is darkness and winter and cringing
--its spring (all out night becomes day) o, it's spring!
all the pretty birds dive to the heart of the sky
all the little fish climb through climb throught the mind of the

(all the mountains are dancing; are dancing)

e.e. cummings

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EVERYONE is cordially invited to a reception at the Wallbank home, 4139 Ramsay Crescent, following the recital.

